

# **Lester N. Vandivier collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Vandivier, Lester N., 1894-1976
<b>Title</b>	Lester N. Vandivier collection
<b>Date</b>	1948-1974
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 Cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Lester N. Vandivier collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Lester Neal "Dickie" Vandivier was born on July 5, 1894 in Johnson County, Indiana to Thomas and Martha Vandivier. He married Catherine White (1895-1933) in 1921 and they had one daughter. He married Vivian Mullikin (1894-1960) in 1935. Mr. Vandivier was a World War I veteran and work as a railway mail clerk for 45 years. He died at the age of 82 on July 11, 1976.

Source:

"Lester Vandivier Services Wednesday." *The Daily Journal*.(Franklin, IN) July 12, 1976.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains Lester N. Vandivier's notebooks regarding the railroad post office (RPO) and highway post offices (HPO), and includes letters, newsletters, and Vandivier's personal notes ranging from 1948-1974. Also included is a copy of the book, "Railroad Postmarks of the United States, 1861-1886" by Charles L. Towle and Henry A. Meyer (1968).

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## **Conditions Governing Access**

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Lester N. Vandivier on 1972/01/28 and from Mrs. Alex Russell on 1976/11/09.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2016/02/25 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/25 by Laura Eliason.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Johnson County (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Postal service
- Railroads

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Railroad post office transit post marks, terminals, and highway post offices notebook, 1948-1970	1	1
Changes in route agent and mail route messenger titles and railroad post office titles notebook, 1955, circa 1970	1	2
Highway post offices no. 1-no. 85B and United States Highway Post Office cover catalog notebook, 1957-1963	1	3
Highway post offices, no. 6- no. 183, notebook, 1957-1963	1	4
Highway post offices, no. 184 - no. 307, notebook, 1957-1968	1	5
Lester N. Vandivier railroad and highway post office notes and letters, National Highway Post Office Society register and newsletters, 1957-1970	1	6
Route agent titles and railroad post office titles notebook, 1966-1971	1	7
"Railroad Postmarks of the United States, 1861-1868" book, 1968	2	1
Railroad and railroad post office notebook, circa 1974	2	2
Railroad and railroad post office notebook, undated	2	3

Lester N. Vandivier railroad post office notes, undated

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